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Mourning and the War Are Likely to Close White House to Society—The Debutante Season Will Be a Delightfully Busy One-Coming Events

would continue indefinitely. There have been periods of mourning before the Chevy Chase Club. which changed the White House routine, notably the years of the civil war and again following the death of Garfield. The family of President Harrison was put in mourning by the death of his first wife and a quiet season followed. As it will be recalled, no New Year day reception was held this year, because the President wished to lessen the formal events of his first winter at the capital. The subsequent functions of the regular winter season were carried on with the brilliancy that has attached itself

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to most events there and were accompanied at intervals by pleasures entirely for the personal friends of the family. More than usual enjoyment and greater family interest fell to the lot of the Wilsons in their first year in the White House than have been recorded of other occupants under its roof, but it has also been ordained that their varied experiences should include an almost overwhelming sorrow.

The complications which the war has brought about, the estrangement of diplomats who last year were frequently each other's guests or were continually meeting at the White House, the cabinet and other official homes and among the residents would besides present never-ceasing problems before which all previous questions of social precedence would seem to have been mere trifles, big as they were in the telling. The usual procedure followed in White House customs when the diplomatic circle is to be honored would seemingly be impossible under the present circumstances, and the elimination of these particular functions, which have grown to be in late years the most important of all, would necessitate a rearrangement of the entire social system.

#### TIME'S CHANGES.

The war has brought about such a great change in the life of those to whom European resorts had a special appeal each season of the year that it has been somewhat difficult to rearrange schedules, unless a lack of income, such as many southern families are facing, answered the problem at once. Those of the capital's resident society to whom part of each winter was always reserved for the gayeties at Cairo or on the Riviera or at

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> Whatever influence affairs abroad will have on social life in general can scarcely be determined at this time. Older folks are bound that the younger element will have all and more than they anticipated, and will content themselves otherwise with a less ambitious program. Retrenching to the extent of talking about it is always a favorite topic, but actual accomplishments are not frequent until the real pinch comes. The young folks in families where each in turn have had their day of glory and where therefore a standard has been established will not lose a whit the coming winter in the number and variety of the gayeties in mind for them. This applies mainly to the debutantes, for whom everybody has a smile and a hope that the world will keep on giving them roses and increasing their joyous point of view. The '14-'15 buds have, in most instances, grown up in this city and all of them there are teas or dances arranged for November and December have therefore all their own and their parents' friends to be proud of their dates. belleship. The resident families are contributing the greater number, and always do in the first count. There will be army buds and navy buds and others from families here in the official circle. The congressional contingent will increase the number, which now nearly reaches twenty-five, and their parties will stretch the debut season into January. The afternoon tea, which has long been, and possibly always will continue to be, the popular medium of presentation, is going to be omitted on several occasions, as the young folks prefer dances in the evening. With extra embellishments such as a dinner or a theater party or a seated supper, afterward, or perhaps all three, as it frequently happens, the youthful imagination finds itself more stirred than by receiving the compliments and good wishes of the older family acquaintances. All of which brings us up to who are to compose the next group of debutantes at the capital.

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eral and Mrs. Gregory, will be a debutante here only in the sense that she would be seriously decreased in numbers. So putting together all the goswill be a newcomer. She graduated last year at the University of Texas and has seen a very happy side of life since. Miss Gregory graces social amenities and has been accustomed to them, and when the cabinet circle resumes winter's pleasures roughly outlined in prospective never covered a wider its usual activities there will be no house in the round more popular than scope. Dancing is likely to go on quite as last winter, when a good floor the Gregory home, which will be established after Mrs. Gregory finds the and music were the first essentials necessary when a party was arranged. place which suits her and her family needs.

Miss Dorothea Owen, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Owen of Oklanoma, will be a bud, having finished her studies in the spring, and has had a strong features in the coming season's amusements. Knitting stockings for tour abroad with her mother. Another bud in the congressional set will be the soldiers on European battlefields, or fancier articles to sell at Red Cross Miss Winifred Drucker, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Drucker. war relief entertainments, are very handy accomplishments just now, when Miss Agnes O'Gorman, daughter of the senator from New York, a graduate so many appeals are being made. Many particularly industrious women in from the Geogetown Visitation Convent, and having all the family good looks, will also see society here this winter.

Francise Williams, daughter of Col. John R. Williams, U. S. A., and Miss if some one started the innovation, and that it should be quickly followed Adeline Pendleton, daughter of Col. E. P. Pendleton, U. S. A., will be new on all sides. belles in the army circle, while Miss Ruth Wilson, daughter of Capt. Henry B. Wilson, U. S. N., and Miss Beatrice Clover, second daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Clover, will also be presented, with a large circle of friends

Another navy bud will be Miss Elizabeth Wiley, daughter of Commander and Mrs. H. A. Wiley. Her debut will be made at a tea dance at Rauscher's November 24.

Others to whom debutante triumphs are coming are Miss Francis Moore, still in West Virginia with Mrs. Clarence Moore; Miss Pauline Kindleberger, a granddaughter of a rear admiral of the navy and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kindleberger; Miss Edith Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair; Miss Juliette Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Crosby; Miss Helen B. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Richard Smith and Miss Laura Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Temple Graves Miss Gladys Pugh is still another and Miss Christine Richards, whose mother Mrs. John K. Richards, widow of a former solicitor general, has come here to live, will present her daughter during the coming season. Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamilton, will also be a debutante of the resident circle, and one for whom a delightful winter is assured. Other debutantes of the resident circle will be Miss Frances Travers, daughter of Mrs. Robert H. Travers of Connecticut avenue; Miss Maxwell Durant Church, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church, and Miss Dorothy Drake, daughter of Mrs. Charles M. Drake. For

#### DANCING OR KNITTING.

Now, with this charming group to enjoy it, will it be a dancing season or a knitting season or both? Those who might know are not willing to hazard a direct statement, since things change just as quickly here as anywhere else, and what may be true this week may be reversed by the occurrences of next. Guessing is therefore a general occupation and is gauged entirely by temperament and taste for modern delights. One's age and bringing up never disturb the calculations of those who mean to be young and gay to the end, and if these considerations did, the pleasure-going world

sips say, the chances are fine for plenty dancing events, with a long string of opportunities between for those whose interest in the quieter program of good works keeps them keen in enlisting sympathy, help and recruits. The The women's clubhouses are well equipped in ballroom space, and the weekly dances at the Chevy Chase and the Army and Navy clubs, where many of last winter's romances had their inception, are counted on as New York, after the example of friends abroad, have taken their knitting along to such entertainments and meetings where the work was not inconvenient. It has not yet been reported that non-dancing chaperons will Miss Alma Hodges, daughter of Lieut. Col. Hodges, U. S. A.; Miss knit through evening or afternoon dances, but nobody would be surprised

#### NOT SETTLED YET.

Whether or not the members of the cabinet will generally refrain from entertaining in any official way the coming winter is a matter quite undecided as yet, but one which will be given attention next month and a decision reached. If it is against a social program even the usual Wednesday receptions will not be held. Since several of them have had informal dinner parties, etc., throughout the fall, it is supposed that these will continue and that both the members of the cabinet and their wives will accept invitations as usual. There will be no entertaining of a public nature, it is also said, in the various embassies here representing the warring

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